(d) if answer to part (b) above is in the affirmative, the number of girls and women that have been benefited during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Directorate General of Employment & Training under the Ministry of Labour is providing vocational training to women at Regional Vocational Training Institute (RVTI) for Women, Jaipur in Rajasthan. Training is being imparted in basis and advanced skills in Dress Making, Secretarial Practice, Hair & Skin Care, Architectural Assistantship; and basic training in Desk Top Publishing, Computer Operator and Programming Assistant (COPA). The Institute also provides training in Principles of Teaching for Instructors. Short-term courses are conducted in the above training areas.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Number of girls and women who have availed training facilities at RVTI, Jaipur are given below:-

Year	Nos. trained
2000-2001	450
2001-2002	496
2002-2003	536

Increase in Number of unemployed persons

†1276. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the number of unemployed persons during the last decade as compared to previous ones, if so, the details of the figures of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra in this regard;

(b) whether the employment opportunities for women are lesser as compared to men; and

(c) whether the decrease in the number of Government jobs is also one of the reasons for the same?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) As per the surveys of National Sample Survey Organisation, estimated unemployment rate in the country, on usual status basis during 1987-88, 1993-94 and 1999-2000 were of the order of 1.90%, 1.90% and 2.23% respectively. Unemployment rate in Madhya Pradesh (including Chhattisgarh) and Maharashtra were as under:

State	Unemployment rate during			
	1993-94		1999-2000	
	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban
Madhya Pradesh (including Chhattisgarh)	0.5	5.0	0.5	3.5
Maharashtra	0.8	4.4	1.4	5.8

(b) No, Sir. Estimated female employment on usual status basis has gone up from 107.11 million in 1987-88 to 123.04 million in 1999-2000.

(c) Does not arise.

Child Labour

1277. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a Central Law in place to prevent the Child Labour from being employed in hazardous occupations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the distinction between hazardous and non-hazardous occupations;

(d) whether it is proposed to make a comprehensive Legislation to provide education, welfare, entertainment and rehabilitation to the entire child labour force in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.